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Democratic Candidates.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
 (North Side)
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France is again threatened with a visitation of the Bourbonic plague. Another pretender is going to seize the vacant throne.

The multitude of lies being printed about Andrew Carnegie would lead most people to believe he is running for some office.

The national bank at Canajoharie, N. Y., has closed its doors. The extra cost of printing due to its fearsome name probably caused the break-up.

American has always taken just pride in the brand of fools produced on this side of the pond, but since the return of De Castellane, the palm will have to be yielded to France.

A Kansas minister proposes to conduct a newspaper for a week on "strictly Christian principles," but he wisely refrains from telling where he is going to get anything to print in it.

Ten thousand bills and joint resolutions have been introduced by the Washington solons. The man who runs the Congressional pigeon-hole is surely justified in kicking for a raise.

A West Virginia man wants Congress to establish in that state a plant for the propagation of fish. West Virginia citizens will continue to propagate their own fish stories without government aid.

That actress who shot her manager and was acquitted by a gallant Southern jury is not getting rapidly rich by her lecturing tour. Men are naturally a trifle anxious about sitting close to the front.

Some Englishmen are still wasting their time explaining why Shamrock did not win the cup. We thought the entire explanatory capacity of that nation was busy trying to discover why the Boers are such holy terrors.

Some Colorado reformers have discovered a new scheme to elevate the stage. They fired off a charge of dynamite under an Uncle Tom show just as the ferocious bloodhound barked at the shore of the ice-bound river. Some people say the ice man did it.

New Yorkers are regarding with holy horror the alleged immorality of Olga Nethersole's new play. A city that has for two years paid big money to producers of indecent French farce can hardly be expected to recognize talent in any form.

Philip D. Armour, Sr., is reported to be in a dying condition, at Pasadena, Cal. The announcement of the sudden death of his son prostrated him. In the event of his death J. Ogden Armour will be the sole surviving representative of the Armour millions.

Roger Williams has been dead for two centuries, but should he decide to come back, a visit to Massachusetts would land him in jail. The Legislature of that state has recently refused to strike from the records the sentence that banished him to Rhode Island 265 years ago.

Ex-Judge James Ryon died at his home in Pottsville on Monday night, in the seventieth year of his age. He was a son of Senator Ryon. He was elected to the bench in 1862, and served for a period of ten years, during which time he won the explicit confidence of all by his excellent judgment and legal versatility.

Commissioner Wilson, of the internal revenue bureau, has decided that a physician who prescribes and sells to his patients whiskey, brandy wine or any other alcoholic liquor that is not compounded by the mixture of any drug or medicinal ingredients therewith, is required to pay a special tax as a retail liquor dealer, even though the alcoholic liquor thus furnished be prescribed as a medicine only so used.

Monday was the fifty-seventh birth day anniversary of President McKinley.

Although the Nicaragua canal seems to be a sure thing, it will hardly bring the old-fashioned tow-path mule into prominence again.

A woman running for school director always tries to convince the easy voter that her greater knowledge of childhood insures the youngsters better treatment than they get from the other sex. But most women are firmly convinced that everybody's children but her own are "little beasts."

An important ruling made by the York County Court is one requiring both parties directly interested in a marriage license to hereafter appear in person to secure the document. This can be done before either a local Magistrate or the Clerk of the Courts. When minors apply for a license to wed, they must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Recently in York County a father procured a license for his daughter, who refused to be married.

"How different it seems to-day," says Saturday's New York World. "President Kruger's ultimatum to England, on October 10 telling her she may cease pushing troops up the borders of the republics and sending reinforcements, set forth that if the request was not complied with and arbitration agreed to 'this government will, with great regret, be compelled to regard the action of her Majesty's government as a formal declaration of war, and will not hold itself responsible for the consequences thereof.' How boastful those words sounded then! How literally and solemnly true they sound now!"

Anent the recommendation of the Montour County Grand Jury that the pay of each prisoner's board be increased from 25 to 40 cents a day, the Kane Republican thinks the Sheriff of McKean County should be commensurately compensated. It says he should not be expected to furnish jail sojourners good meals at a less rate than is ordinarily charged in private boarding houses. In this connection it may be said that the expense of keeping prisoners does not concern Tennessee taxpayers like it does Pennsylvanians. In the Southern State convicts are utilized for their own maintenance. Last year the gross earnings of the culprits was \$320,000, the total expenses \$188,000, and the net earnings \$132,000. The prisoners are employed in farming, in the mining of coal and in the production of coke.

Governor Stone has again vented his animosity toward the Patrons of Husbandry by refusing to reappoint Leonard Rhone, of Centre County, as a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

In Rhone's place Colonel R. H. Thomas, of Mechanicsburg, was appointed.

When Secretary of Agriculture John Hamilton displaced Colonel Edge in the Stone Cabinet, the official stenographer was Miss Rhone, daughter of Leonard Rhone, who for years was the worthy master of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in this State, and one of the officers of the National Grange. Secretary Hamilton promptly gave Miss Rhone notice that her place was wanted for another person, and Miss Rhone was left in the cold.

The Grangers of Centre County resented this action on the part of Hamilton, but he sought to excuse it by saying he was acting under orders, which meant to the knowing ones that the Governor gave the orders.

This also made the Grangers angry and they have neglected no opportunity to make it warm and interesting for both Hamilton and the Governor, and they have succeeded.

Of course, it was out of the question that the Governor should appoint Rhone, who is a real farmer, to a place on the State Board of Agriculture, and when Rhone's term expired, he, too, was left out in the cold, and Thomas takes his place. The Grangers thus have another grievance forced upon them.

Collector's Commission.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN:—As a taxpayer of the Town of Bloomsburg, I am somewhat interested in "How Commission is Counted." We would like to know whether the penalty of 5 per cent. is included in the sum of \$1,555.00. If it is then Mr. Kase is entitled to the \$77.75, claimed by him. If the penalty is not so included, then he is not so entitled.

Does Mr. Krickbaum assert and can he prove, that Mr. Kase collected the 5 per cent. penalty and also charged 5 per cent. when he paid the same to the School Fund? TAXPAYER.

Another War.

The war-dogs are preparing for another scuffle, and knowing ones predict that the ball will open in the early Spring and the Far East will be the scene of a conflict between Japan, England and China on one side, and Russia on the other. Japan is very busy just now cultivating the good graces of her late foe, the Chinese Empire, and has succeeded in having many of the European officers in the Chinese army replaced by Japanese commanders.

Great numbers of the rank and file of the Japanese army are being sent into Korea in the guise of immigrants, and rice and other war provisions are being shipped there in great quantities. The navy Japan has been building for the past six years will be ready for business in the Spring.

The interests of Japan and England in the East are about identical and Japan seems to have come to the conclusion that a war with Russia is inevitable, and the best time to strike is now, while the aid of England can be depended upon, and the Russians are handicapped by the incomplete state of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Russia made her first retort last week, when orders were issued to move seventy-five thousand soldiers to the frontier of Afghanistan, for the purpose of occupying advantageous positions for an invasion of British India in case of hostilities. At first glance such a move looks a little far-fetched, but if Russia can bring sufficient pressure against the Indian frontier to deter England from entering the fight Japan will be robbed of half her strength without the loss of a man.

In addition, Russia already has an army in her recently acquired Manchurian possessions and at Port Arthur, large enough to make the capture of Peking an easy matter, and from that point to the shore of the Sea of Japan is but a step.

Prospects are very bright indeed for a bitter contest, and the founder of the late lamented "Peace Congress" will be actively engaged furnishing the excitement.

Fair Play.

For many months three British South African towns have endured the fearful horrors of a close siege, with almost constant bombardment and an occasional determined assault. Ladysmith, Kimberly and Mafeking are comparatively small frontier towns, with few modern improvements and small accommodations for the entertainment of visitors even in the piping times of peace. Into these three places the sudden beginning of the war forced all the English and their sympathizers from the Boer Republics, and many of them were cooped up there unable to get away in time to avoid the Boers' line of siege.

Not only are the soldiers and residents of these towns obliged to withstand the privations incident to such a state, but thousands of refugees—especially women and children—have been forced out of their homes and herded together in these towns to live or die as best they can. Of course, nations who go to war may expect to have occasion to suffer some of the drawbacks of that expensive pastime, and it may be perfectly true that the Boers are only doing what every other army does under the same circumstances.

But if the tide of war should turn and the English army is able to march to Pretoria and put it under a close and confining siege of the same kind, such a howl will go up as to shake the heavens. The British will be accused of needless brutality and every black sin under the canopy, and the pro-Boer orator will be going full blast.

Five Persons Killed.

Frightful Wreck Caused by a Runaway Railway Train.

A terrific wreck befell a runaway train on the Jersey Central Railroad at Ashley, near Wilkes-Barre, Thursday night, and five persons were killed and several injured.

A freight train ran away down the mountain, crashed into an engine at the foot and a car loaded with 30 tons of giant powder exploded.

The round house at Ashley was shattered and badly wrecked; three engines were smashed to pieces by the head-on wreck, and the explosion of the powder blew up eight more standing on the sidings near where it occurred.

Hardly a house in Ashley escaped, and the shock was felt for a radius of ten miles, while in Wilkes-Barre, four miles away, many windows were shattered. The loss will be over \$1,000,000. Train No. 416, an extra freight from Mauch Chunk, at 6:30 got beyond control at Laurel Run, a point on a heavy grade three miles from Ashley, and dashed down the mountain at a terrific rate.

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Barking at the Heels of the President.

A zealous prohibitionist, Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, not unknown for his radicalism in this region, lately charged in the good city of Boston that President McKinley "on a certain private occasion drank champagne." The Philadelphia Press foolishly takes up half a column defending the President from the tremendous crime, and seeks to prove it a lie. The charge whether true or false, was a bit of meddling impertinence and should have been passed over with contemptuous silence. If the President thought a glass of champagne good for his digestion and comfort, he had a right to indulge in it, without consulting Dr. Crafts. No one has ever accused him of excess of any kind. A President of the United States who assumes the power of declaring war should certainly be trusted to the extent of a glass of wine. The President has some rights as well as a private citizen, and in his private concerns and habits should not be annoyed by impudent one-idea fanatics. Dr. Crafts started the story with a glass of wine, but when it got down to the heels of his following it probably grew to a bottle of gin. That's the way with such stories. President Cleveland and his family suffered by them to an extent that shamed the whole country by the grossness and vulgarity with which they were exaggerated, and the worst of it was the lies sprang from the "unco guid" of the crafts type, who relish a scandal more than they do wholesome truth.—Pittsburg Post.

Wholesalers Must Not Peddle Whisky.

Judge Savage of Sunbury, rendered a decision on Saturday requiring all persons granted wholesale liquor licenses to take an extra oath in which they promise not to sell outside of their places of business. The decision has in view the breaking up of peddling beer and whisky. For years many of the wholesale dealers have done a large trade by filling their wagons, usually on Saturdays, and around pay days and visiting small towns in the coal region disposing of their goods to any person who wished to buy.

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